(b) if so, whether the candidates under reserved category are treated under reserved quota even if they qualify under general category; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to keep general category candidates under General quota itself; if so, the time by when it would be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Reservation for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in case of direct recruitment on all India basis by open competition is 49.5% and in case of direct recruitment on all India basis otherwise than by open competition it is 50%.

(b) Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class candidates selected on merit are appointed against unreserved vacancies.

(c) and (d) General category candidates are adjusted against unreserved vacancies.

Setting up of Kerala State Information Commission

1720. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala submitted proposal, during January, 2006, seeking financial assistance for setting up of the Kerala State Information Commission, as a part of the implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b) if so, whether the above proposal is approved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 is a statutory obligation. The States are, therefore, required to discharge this obligation through their own funds.

Sanctioned posts of IAS officers in Bihar

†1721. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of IAS officers as per the cadre in Bihar;

(b) the number of IAS officers working at present in the State and the number of such officers gone on Central deputation;

(c) whether works of administration is being affected due to shortage of IAS officers in the State; and

(d) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Total Authorised Strength of IAS cadre of Bihar is 264 out of which there are 251 officers in position as on 1st August, 2006. Out of these, 209 officers are currently working in the State and 42 are on Central Deputation against Central Deputation Reserve of 57. There is, therefore, no shortage of officers working with the State.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Per capita income of country

†1722. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita income in the country has been estimated at Rs. 23,241 annually during the year 2004-05;

(b) if not, the actual per capita income;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in various States of the country the per capita income has been estimated to be less than the said amount; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.